

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) Mail item receiving device for receiving the mail items ejected through an exit slot of a folding and inserting machine, comprising a support plate on which the ejected mail items will accumulate, a front wall on which these mail items will abut upon their ejection, two lateral walls and a rear wall intended to align these mail items once they have fallen on the support plate, said support plate comprising two hollows made on either side of its longitudinal axis at the level of its join with said front wall, ~~said two lateral walls each comprising an opening, at the level of each hollow and over the whole of their height, wherein~~ each hollow creates an opening between a respective lateral wall and the front wall and said rear wall comprises hooking means cooperating with the feet of the machine for connecting the receiving device to the folding and inserting machine.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said hooking means comprise two clips cooperating with two front feet of the machine.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said lateral walls each present an outer corner without sharp angle.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said rear wall integrating the hooking means is reinforced by ribs.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is made by moulding plastics material in one piece.

6. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein said lateral walls and the front wall are made of transparent material.

7. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein each opening allows items received on the support plate to be accessed through the opening.

8. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein each of the lateral walls further comprises a rounded corner located opposite the support plate and rear wall.